

In The Claims

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24. (Currently Amended) A print order/delivery system comprising:
- a registration apparatus that assigns unique device identification data to an electronic device and registers a user in such a way as to associate the user with the identification data;
  - an ordering apparatus that transmits pictorial data to a print order receiving side along with the identification data and order data;
  - a printer on the print order receiving side that prints a picture based on the pictorial data and the order data, which are transmitted from the ordering apparatus; and
  - a user management apparatus, on the print order receiving side, that recognizes the user from a group of registered users, based on the identification data which is transmitted from the ordering apparatus;
  - wherein the registration apparatus is configured to receive user information, and to assign the unique device identification data based on the received user information to the electronic device, which electronically takes a picture and generates the pictorial data, the electronic device receiving and storing the unique device identification data assigned by the registration apparatus, wherein the user information includes address information and/or billing information, and the user information and unique device identification data are stored and used to facilitate the ordering of prints of the pictorial data based on the unique device identification data, such that when the user management system recognizes the user based on the identification data, the user information is automatically retrieved for purposes of ordering the prints; and
  - wherein the ordering apparatus is configured to receive the identification data and the pictorial data stored in the electronic device or a recording medium which is attached to the electronic device, and to transmit the pictorial data and the identification data to the print order receiving side along with the order data.

25. (Original) The print order/delivery system according to Claim 24, wherein the electronic device is a digital camera comprising a non-volatile memory for storing the identification data.

26. (Original) The print order/delivery system according to Claim 25, wherein the recording medium is a memory card and the digital camera comprises a recorder that records the identification data read out from the non-volatile memory and the generated pictorial data on the memory card, wherein the ordering apparatus is configured to receive the identification data and the pictorial data from the memory card.

27. (Original) The print order/delivery system according to Claim 24, further comprising:

an accounting unit that calculates a charge on the basis of the order data, and that performs accounting processing on the basis of a result of the calculation.

28. (Currently Amended) A print order/delivery method comprising:  
assigning unique device identification data to an electronic device;  
registering a user in such a way as to associate the user with the identification data, wherein based on received user information, the unique identification data is assigned and stored in the electronic device, which electronically takes a picture and generates pictorial data;

transmitting the pictorial data to a print order receiving side along with the identification data and order data, wherein the pictorial data and the identification data are removed from the electronic device or a recording medium which has been attached to the electronic device;

recognizing, on the print order receiving side, the user from a group of registered users based on the supplied identification data; and

printing a picture based on the pictorial data and the order data, wherein the user information includes address and/or billing information, and the user information and unique device identification data are stored and used to facilitate the ordering of prints of the pictorial data based on the unique device identification data, such that when the user

is recognized based on the identification data, the user information is automatically retrieved for purposes of ordering the prints.

29. (Original) The print order/delivery method according to Claim 28, wherein the electronic device is a digital camera comprising a non-volatile memory, and the identification data is stored in the non-volatile memory.

30. (Original) The print order/delivery method according to Claim 29, wherein the recording medium is a memory card and the identification data read out from the non-volatile memory and is recorded on the memory card, along with the generated pictorial data.

31. (Original) The print order/delivery method according to Claim 28, wherein on the print order receiving side, a cost charge of the print is calculated on the basis of the order data, and accounting processing is performed on the basis of a result of the calculation.

32. (Currently Amended) A printing system for printing a picture taken by a digital camera, which has been previously assigned a unique identification data associated with the camera, comprising:

a receiver that receives the unique device identification data and user information transmitted from a registration apparatus, the registration apparatus registers a user associated with the identification data, the receiver also receives pictorial data of the picture, the identification data and order data transmitted from a print ordering side;

a printer that prints a picture based on the pictorial data on the basis of the received order data; and

a user management apparatus that recognizes a user from a group of registered users on the basis of the received identification data, wherein the user information includes address and/or billing information, and the user information and unique device identification data are stored and used to facilitate the ordering of prints of the pictorial data based on the unique device identification data, such that when the user management

system recognizes the user based on the identification data, the user information is automatically retrieved for purposes of ordering the prints.

33. (Original) The printing system according to Claim 32 further comprising: an accounting unit that calculates a charge on the basis of the order data, and that performs accounting processing on the basis of a result of the calculation.

34. (Original) The printing system according to Claim 33, wherein the user management apparatus comprises a database containing the user information associated with the identification data.